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RE: FCC File Number: BALEDT-20110401ACW

I am writing to object to the sale and transfer of license for WMFE-TV, also known as COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Orlando, Florida, JOSE FAJARDO, President and CEO, to COMMUNITY EDUCATORS OF ORLANDO, INC.

COMMUNITY EDUCATORS OF ORLANDO, INC. is owned by Daystar Television Network, a religious broadcaster. The choice of the name Community Educators of Orlando, Inc., is an obvious attempt at disguising their actual owners and makes it sound like a replacement for Community Communications, Inc. as an actual Educational group, instead of a Religious Broadcaster. This is deliberately misleading. Any religious broadcaster is going to inject their views into any "educational" programming they may broadcast (if any). This would therefore be unfair and unbalanced, as there are currently two other religious broadcasters serving the Orlando, Florida area. WTGL-DT (45.1) WHLV-DT1 (52.1)

In a further attempt to keep this a secret, Jose Fajardo did not announce anything about any possibility of the station being sold and therefore, did not get the best price for the license. The public was in no way told about this until it was a "done deal" on April 1st, 2011. The WMFE board apparently went into "Executive Session" on EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (#1) of the WMFE Board of Trustees Wednesday, February 2, 2011 @ 8 a.m. OFF SITE LOCATION: Showalter Flying Service 400 Herndon Avenue, Orlando, 32802; which is closed to the public. Therefore, the public had no idea what was going to happen and had no input whatsoever.

The purchase price of \$3 million is literally a steal. WMFE paid 3.2 million dollars to upgrade master control alone.

WMFE claimed that the station belonged to the public, "it's your station". Yet, this action says that Mr. Fajardo thinks the station belongs to him, to do what pleases him. This also puts a religious broadcaster on state owned property and using state owned equipment.

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No one else was given a chance to bid for the license at all. The Orange County Board of Education could have bid on the license. Orange County Government wanted to lease a channel from WMFE to broadcast the OTV Channel. Orange County Government would have bought WMFE for the 3 million. Orange County Government was never approached about the sale of WMFE. The fourth largest university in the United States, University of Central Florida, I believe would have been glad to purchase the license.

As the former Broadcast Fundraising Manager, I was responsible for helping raise for WMFE Television and WMFE Radio almost 3.4 million for the fiscal year 2005.

One of the reasons that fund raising did not go well in this community was that the station was programmed by a service, and the person in charge of programming lives in Atlanta and knows nothing about the Orlando market.

The station could have enlisted the help of former board members in raising money; I know several who would have helped.

WMFE's former CEO Stephen McKenney Steck said "I think it's mis-directed, I think it's way premature, I think it's a rush to sell when there's plenty of options that I think need to be more publicly and community-inclusively discussed."

Therefore, this sale and transfer of a Television Broadcasting License is not in the best interest of the community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Sparks', followed by a large, stylized flourish or scribble.

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